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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA

REF: A. STATE 086765, B. STATE 050498

1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT
WITH PRESIDENT FORD REF A.

2. PRESIDENT KHAMA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S
WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH HIM JUNE 8 AT 11:00 AM. PRESIDENT KHAMA
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PRINCETON HONORARY LL.D. DEGREE WILL BE
AWARDED ON JUNE 8 AND THAT THE UNIVERSITY HAS ALSO SCHEDULED A
LUNCHEON. I TOLD PRESIDENT KHAMA THAT AMBASSADOR DAMBE HAD

INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE DEGREE WOULD BE AWARDED ON
JUNE 7. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THIS CONFLICT. SINCE THE
PRINCETON PROGRAM WAS NOT FLEXIBLE, PRESIDENT KHAMA REQUESTED THAT
THE APPOINTMENT BE CHANGED TO JUNE 9 OR 10 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. PRESIDENT INFORMED ME THAT HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY,
L. M. L. J. LEGWAILA, WOULD DEPART FOR U.S. APRIL 20 TO MAKE
SOME ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT.

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT KHAMA IS VERY ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT FORD; URGE DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT ARRANGE
APPOINTMENT AS REQUESTED PARA 2.

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